

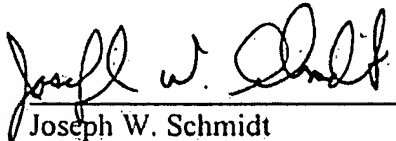
REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 23, 2008. As directed in the Notice, only the "Corrected Section" of the previously filed Amendment is submitted.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, he is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at (631) 501-5703.

Respectfully submitted,

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